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1. The kasernes of the HILLERSLEBEN (M 53/Y 51) artillery range were occupied by an engineer unit. One of the kaserne buildings was occupied by very young recruits. The garages of the kaserne were guarded by artillery and infantry-men.

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2. A troop camp in the woods south of ALTPLANKEN and ALTPLANKEN itself had been vacated by troops. Telephone lines and road signs had been removed. Carbine fire was heard from a camp in the woods north of ALTPLANKEN.

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4. Heavy antiaircraft fire from the direction of SALCHAU (M 53/Y 63) was heard in the BORN area from 6 to 7:30 p.m. About 20 rounds were fired at irregular intervals averaging about 10 minutes. A single-engine monoplane was observed flying over the training area.

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Comment:

a. The 2nd Sngz Bn of the 207th Itz Rifle Div, stationed in HILLERSLEBEN, was indirectly confirmed up to 5 September 1949. According to previous reports, the battalion returned to HILLERSLEBEN from maneuvers (presumably at the BIFTXAU engineer training grounds) on 20 July 1949.

b. The information on the evaluation of the camp in the

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south
woods of ALTPLANDEN seems credible. Antiaircraft
artillery units have been continually observed departing
from DEUMAH-BISLEBEN by rail since mid-August 1949. How-
ever, the statement that firing practices at air targets
were held in early September 1949 indicates that some
antiaircraft artillery units were still located in the
northern part of the Letzlin, north.

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